

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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**RESPONSE TO MAY 16, 2006, FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, this Response is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 16, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the remarks below.